

The Utah Administrative Code web site is being updated to reflect the most current policy of the State Board of Education. We have had so many inquiries regarding the mathematics requirements for high school graduation that the people who update the Utah Administrative Code web site have allowed us to post that portion of the board rules until the official web site can be completely updated. Thank you for your patience.

R277-700-6. High School Requirements.

A. The Board shall establish a Core Curriculum for students in grades 9-12.

B. Students in grades 9-12 shall earn a minimum of 24 units of credit.

C. Local boards may require additional units of credit.

D. Grades 9-12 Core Curriculum requirements and required units of credit:

(1) Language Arts (3.0 units of credit);

(2) Mathematics (2.0 units of credit):

(a) minimally, Elementary Algebra or Applied Mathematics I; and

(b) geometry or Applied Mathematics II; or

(c) any Advanced Mathematics courses in sequence beyond (a) and (b);

(d) high school mathematics credit may not be earned for courses in sequence below (a).

(3) Science (2.0 units of credit from two of the four science areas):

(a) earth science (1.0 units of credit);

(b) biological science (1.0 units of credit);

(c) chemistry (1.0 units of credit);

(d) physics (1.0 units of credit).

(4) Social Studies (3.0 units of credit):

(a) Geography for Life (0.5 units of credit);

(b) World Civilizations (0.5 units of credit);

(c) U.S. history (1.0 units of credit);

(d) U.S. Government and Citizenship (0.5 units of credit);

(e) elective social studies class (0.5 units of credit).

(5) The Arts (1.5 units of credit from any of the following performance areas):

(a) visual arts;

(b) music;

(c) dance;

(d) theatre;

(6) Health education (0.5 units of credit);

(7) Physical education (1.5 units of credit):

(a) participation skills (0.5 units of credit);

(b) Fitness for Life (0.5 units of credit);

(c) individualized lifetime activities (0.5 units of

credit) or team sport/athletic participation (maximum of 0.5 units of credit with school approval).

(8) Applied technology education (1.0 units of credit);

(a) agriculture;

(b) business;

(c) family and consumer sciences;

(d) health science and technology;

(e) information technology;

(f) marketing;

(g) technology education;

(h) trade and technical education.

(9) Educational technology:

(a) computer Technology (0.5 units of credit for the class by this specific name only); or

(b) successful completion of state-approved competency examination (no credit, but satisfies the Core requirement).

(10) Library media skills integrated into the curriculum;

(11) Board-approved CRT's shall be used to assess student mastery of the following subjects:

(a) reading;

(b) language arts through grade 11;

(c) mathematics as defined under R277-700-6D(2);

(d) science as defined under R277-700-6D(3); and

(e) effectiveness of written expression.

E. Students shall participate in the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test, as defined under R277-700-10.

F. Students with disabilities served by special education programs may have changes made to graduation requirements through individual IEPs to meet unique educational needs. A student's IEP shall document the nature and extent of modifications, substitutions or exemptions made to accommodate a student with disabilities.